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## President's Purim Message

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good evening and welcome to our Purim Party. It is so sweet to see you all with these happy faces. As the Hebrew song says: "HINNEH MATOV OUMANNAIM SHEBET AHIM GAM YAHAD". Every word of it is full of love: "How sweet and lovely when brothers and friends gather together in happy occasions". Here we are tonight in one of those happy occasions. We have prepared for you a sensational evening full of entertainment, delicious food, games, etc...

Thinking back about 25 years ago, a large number of Karaites left EGYPT and came to the U.S. leaving behind them everything they owned, but they brought with them a heritage and traditions that date back over a thousand years. That heritage and traditions are the most valuable thing that we should keep in our hearts and minds and teach them to our children.

Some of the pioneers who came to settle in the Bay area are very dear to us. I mention among them Mr. ELIE NOUNOU and his family who arrived around 1960. He had a lot of courage and this encouraged other families to come to the U.S. and settle in the Bay area in general and SAN FRANCISCO in particular. Among the early settlers were Mrs. MARY MOURAD, the late ELIAHOU ASLAN, the late ELIE LICHAA, TOM SELIM, ABRAHAM, SABET and ELIE OVADIA families. I came to SAN FRANCISCO at the end of 1964 and I have to mention with gratitude and appreciation that Mr. ELIE NOUNOU was instrumental in obtaining my immigration visa and gave me all the support that I needed. Since then, many families came to settle in SAN FRANCISCO and other cities in the Bay area and now we are proud to say that we have over 110 families living in the Bay area forming the largest community in the U.S.

The early settlers started to think and felt that something had to be done to preserve the traditions and heritage. So they gathered for social events and Holiday prayers in individual homes. Then the SADDIK family opened

their house and dedicated a room for the prayers. Then Mr. JOE PESSAH, ELIE MOUSSA, MAURICE PESSAH and the late SHALOM MOUSSA conducted prayers in their homes especially in the holidays like YOM KIPPUR, ROSH HASHANA, SIMHAT TORAH and SUCCOT.

However the number of participant kept on growing over the years and our children have grown up, got married and have children of their own. This raised many vital questions and created a great challenge to many families. For example:

- 1 - How can I keep my Karaite heritage and traditions which were entrusted to my care from my father?
- 2 - How can I teach my children our traditions and the Hebrew language?
- 3 - When will we be able to have a place of our own to pray and socialize instead of praying in homes?
- 4 - Do I want to lose my identity as a Karaite jew?
- 5 - What can I tell my children about our thousand years old religion?

These questions and many others were the catalyst to actively organize and start the formation of the K.J.A. In October 1982 our secretary Mr. MAURICE PESSAH was instrumental in taking the first steps toward establishing the Karaite Jews of America. He received pledges from 15 families for a total of \$19,000. The response was overwhelming. MAURICE sent a letter to all the Karaites soliciting pledges for fund raising and asking for moral support.

After a little while every person will receive a questionnaire about several matters of great concern to all of us and I urge you to take 2 minutes to give your opinions by checking the proper box. As this is of vital importance some volunteers will be ready to assist you in case you need help.

Enjoy your evening and GOD bless you all

JACOB MASLIAH  
President



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR HONDRARY MEMBERS FOR  
THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

MR. & MRS. JOE ABEL	of CALIFORNIA
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MR. & MRS. MAURICE PESSAH	of CALIFORNIA
MR. & MRS. MICHAEL SADDIK	of CALIFORNIA

TODAH RABBAH TO OUR SINCERE CONTRIBUTORS

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## Z E K H E R

The names below were remembered during our monthly saturday or special prayer. KJA thanks everyone who contributed in their beloved memory.

LILIAN EL TAHAN BAT SHALOM PESSAH	DR. BARAKAT MASSUDA
ALAIN BEN YEHOUDA HA COHEN	LOUNA BAT BAROUKH COHEN
LEON BEN MOUSSA DARWISH HA LEVY	MATOUK KHADR
FORTUNEE LICHAA	KAMAR SALEH
DAVID DABBAH	RACHEL HAFEZ LEVY
DR. ALFRED MASSUDA	YOUSSEF ZAKI LICHAA
FARAG OVADIA	IBRAHIM BEN MOSHE PESSAH
FORTUNEE MASSOUDA	ZAKI BAROUKH LICHAA
DR. ELIE BAROUKH LICHAA	BAROUKH LICHAA
MASSAD BAT MASSUDA	LIETO YOUSSEF EL KODSI
ESTHER ELIAHOU NOUNOU	IBRAHIM SHLOMO LEVY
SHLOMO MOSHE PESSAH	FORTUNEE MARZOUK
LEONIE JACOB	MOSHE MARZOUK
ESTHER YOUSSEF ABDEL WAHED	SHALOM IBRAHIM MASSUDA
IBRAHIM YOUSSEF ABDEL WAHED	YOUSSEF YACOUB PESSAH
FORTUNEE DAVID FARAG LICHAA	NAHAMA LEVI
SARINA BAT AMIN MENASHE	AMAR LEVI
JACQUES LIETO SHABETAI MANGOUBI	SUZANNE HEFEZ
MOURAD HAINA	ELIE LISHA
YEHOUDA ABDEL WAHED	

Selected topics from the KJA BOARD MEETINGS:

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- The final details for the PURIM party were finalised which included the kids singing hebrew songs, the lighting of the candles, the president's speech, an overhead projection of KJA accomplishments, questions and answer session, dinner, soliciting nominees for election, recognition awards and entertainment.

- ELIE MOUSSA has informed the board that our current balance in all the accounts is \$121,974.06. He requested to open a \$100,00.00 Jumbo account for 90 days which the board approved.

- A letter was received from ISRAEL requesting from KJA to send the \$1,500.00 donated by the late DR. BARAKAT MASSUDA toward the publication of a certain Karaite book. The request was approved and the money sent to ISRAEL.

- A letter from BOB ALLEN was received with 2 major requests, one of which is partly formulated in the inserted questionnaire and the other one concerning a research on family trees (coming soon).

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MAZAL TOV

HELEN and DAVID SIAHOU on the birth of their son, MICHAEL, born November 26th, 1985, France.

DENISE and JOE RASSON on the birth of their daughter AMY SARA, born January 4th, 1986, California.

DANIELLE and YOMTOV HEFEZ on the birth of their daughter LAUREN AVITAL, born February 20th, 1986, California.

LINNE and JACQUES SHAMUEL on the birth of their daughter MICHELLE JACQUELINE, born February 20th, 1986, Massachusetts



From the EDITOR'S desk:

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I just received the computer 4 days ago, and after analyzing the amount of material to publish, it became necessary to change the format of the KJA Bulletin to minimize the printing cost. Unfortunately, this meant: to redo the art work. OUCH!!

The theme of this bulletin is partly PURIM and partly election. During the PURIM party, we had a 20 slide presentation of statistical data that most of you would be interested in. I chose 8 slides ,pages 9 - 12, which were the most informative. If anyone is interested in receiving the whole set, please send in a request to KJA PO BOX address and I will be glad to forward it to you. Also, if anyone can verify the out of state KARAITE count, please send us an update of your state.

At this point I would like to request some of your help. I am looking for out of the Bay area news to publish. If any of you like to share recipes, jokes, announce birth, activities in your city, please mail them in. It will make this bulletin much more interesting for everyone to read.

Since I don't know any recipes, here I go:

Q: What do politicians and lobsters have in common?

A: They both get into hot water

Q: What do you call a boat that has a telephone?

A: A ringy-dingy

Two nerds rent a rowboat to go fishing in the lake. They have incredible luck and quickly catch their limit. As they return to the dock, one of them says, "How are we ever going to find that fantastic fishing place again?" The other says, "Don't worry while we were there I painted a mark on the side of the boat. "You idiot!" the other said. "How do you know we'll get the same boat next time?"

## PURIM PARTY

The Purim party was held on February 22nd, 1986 at a rented hall. Games and children activities were organized by ABRAHAM & JEAN MASSUDA. Adults activities included music and a presentation prepared by DAVID OVADIA.

A questionnaire and a gathering of human resource sheet was filled out by everyone during the presentation. Eventhough some of the questions do not pertain to people out of the bay area, please take a couple of minutes and fill them out as well as any comments, and mail to KJA. Your input is valuable to us as some important decision will be made depending on your answers.

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## PICNIC

The most requested social activity in the questionnaire was that KJA sponsor a picnic. We are now forming the committee to organize the picnic event and we are looking for volunteers of all ages to be part of the picnic committee.

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## NEWS

Our acting rab JOE PESSAH, gave an educational lecture about our heritage on February 4th, 1986, at RODEF SHOLOM adult educational center in San Rafael.

Some of the topics were:

- 1 - The history of the Karaite jew in the Middle East.
  - 2 - The LAWS and the kosherots.
  - 3 - The Karaite responsibility toward our children
  - 4 - The Karaite goal in the U.S.A.
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We are now accepting advertising to help pay the cost of publication of the KJA Bulletin. Anyone interested in placing an ad should contact Fred Lichaa (415) 341-4725, home. Do a mitzvah for the Karaite's community and help your business at the same time -- place an ad.

T O T A L   K A R A I T E            1,100  
I N       U S

* CALIFORNIA	400+
* NEW YORK	150
* MARYLAND	150
* ILLINOIS	200-
* OTHERS	200
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M A J O R   A C C O M P L I S H M E N T S

1.    FOUNDED AND CHARTERED THE FIRST TAX  
      EXEMPT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
      ( IRS # 77-0000-638 )
2.    PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
      BULLETIN.
3.    INITIATED SATURDAY PRAYER.  
      FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT  
      PENINSULA SINAI CONGREGATION.
4.    INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS
5.    DEVELOPED RELATIONSHIP WITH KARAITE  
      IN THE U.S., CANADA, EUROPE, AND  
      ISRAEL.

6. FORMATION OF DIFFERENT COMMITTEES

- \* EXECUTIVE
- \* FINANCE
- \* REAL ESTATE
- \* RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATION
- \* SOCIAL

7. FORMATION OF LIBRARY

8. AVAILABILITY OF TAPES

- \* PRAYERS
- \* SONGS

9. RECOGNIZED BY THE OUTSIDE

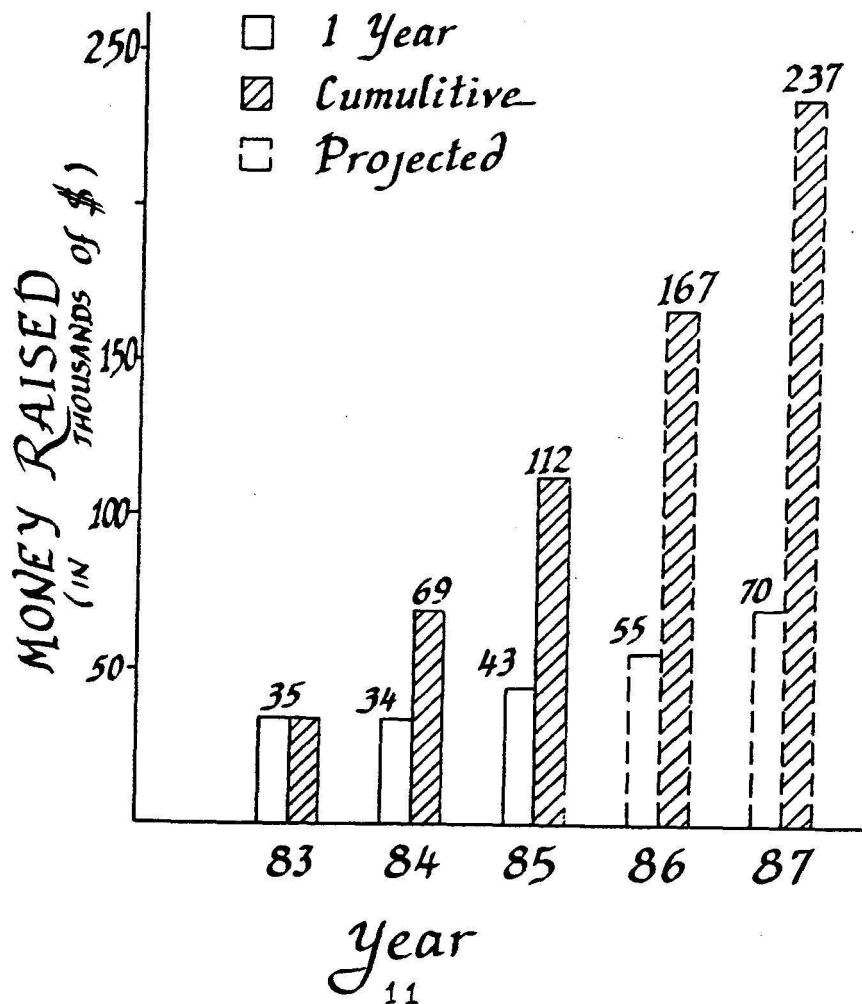
10. MAILING LIST

HOW MUCH MONEY RAISED ?

		CALIF.	OUT OF STATE
1983	34,730	83%	17%
1984	34,118	62%	38%
1985	<u>43,151</u>	64%	36%
TOTAL	111,999		

# TOP 5 STATES

	83	84	85
CALIFORNIA	28,725	21,013	26,836
ILLINOIS	2,200	8,200	10,200
RHODE ISLAND	1,300	2,070	1,335
NEW YORK	1,325	745	1,905
MARYLAND	500	840	435





## SIZE AND RANGES OF CONTRIBUTION

YEAR	83	84	85
MINIMUM	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 5
MAXIMUM	2,120	5,000	6,175
No. OVER \$1,000	23	15	15
No. OVER \$500	31	23	27
AVERAGE OF THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED	580	330	320
AVERAGE INCLUDING NON CONTRIBUTOR	120	120	150

## S T R E N G T H

1. KARAITE ROOTS
2. CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
  - \* WE KNOW EACH OTHER
3. TOO FEW IN NUMBER
  - \* EASIER TO DIRECT TO A GOAL
4. COMMON SOCIAL VALUES
5. RESISTING TOGETHER THE SAME  
EVOLUTIONAL CHANGES
6. FINANCIALLY BETTER OFF
7. THIS IS AMERICA

K J A  
QUESTIONNAIRE

*Detach this sheet,  
Fill it out, and  
Mail to*

1. Do you receive the KJA bulletin?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If 'no, and you wish to receive the bulletin, send a postcard with your name and address to:

KJA  
P.O. Box 4235  
Mountain View CA 94040

2. Do you read the bulletin?

\_\_\_\_\_ All the time \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Never

What other informations would you like to see in the bulletin? -

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you feel that you are well represented by the board?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If not why? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you interested in attending board meetings?

\_\_\_\_\_ Regularly  
\_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally  
\_\_\_\_\_ Maybe  
\_\_\_\_\_ No

5. List by order of priority what should the KJA goals be?

\_\_\_\_\_ Get more member participation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Have a place of our own  
\_\_\_\_\_ Education for children and / or adults  
\_\_\_\_\_ Promote social activities and gathering  
\_\_\_\_\_ Others, please specify  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. If you are not participating in our prayers, what are some of the reasons?

\_\_\_\_\_ You are unaware of any prayers being held regularly  
\_\_\_\_\_ You are working all the time  
\_\_\_\_\_ It is too far or have no transportation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Can not pray, feel out of place  
\_\_\_\_\_ Others, please specify  
\_\_\_\_\_

In order to get ahead, we need to gather our human resources.  
We need you. What help can you offer the KJA organization?

_____ Real estate	_____ Education
_____ Cooking	_____ Research
_____ Writing	_____ Photography
_____ Routine task	_____ Others, please specify

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If all of the above were overcome, would you participate in the prayers?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe

7. If we are to bid/buy a place of our own, how much are you willing to donate?

\_\_\_\_\_ One time pledge for the first year  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yearly pledge  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unable to pledge now, but will in the future  
\_\_\_\_\_ Not interested

8. If we have a place of our own, how often would you attend the prayers?

Saturday Morning, Friday night

\_\_\_\_\_ Every week  
\_\_\_\_\_ Once a month  
\_\_\_\_\_ On high holidays  
\_\_\_\_\_ Never

9. If classes are held to educate children on Sundays, would you bring your children?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not applicable  
\_\_\_\_\_ Every week  
\_\_\_\_\_ Twice a month  
\_\_\_\_\_ Once a month

10. What social activities or events would you like to see the KJA sponsor?

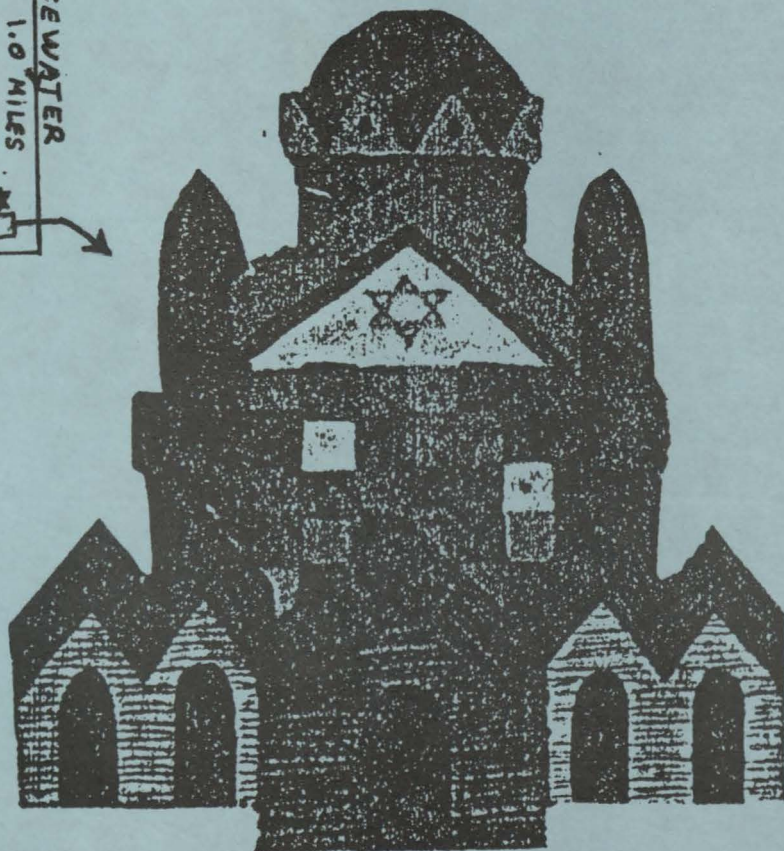
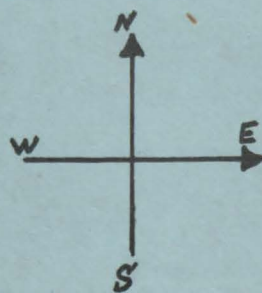
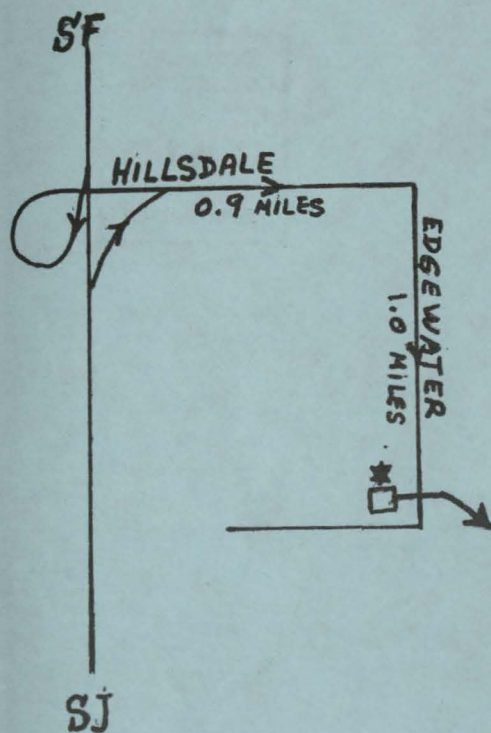
\_\_\_\_\_ Picnic  
\_\_\_\_\_ Social gathering  
\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Purim party  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children summer camp  
\_\_\_\_\_ Casino night

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Join us at 9:30 AM on: APRIL 5th  
MAY 3rd  
JUNE 7th  
JULY 5th



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